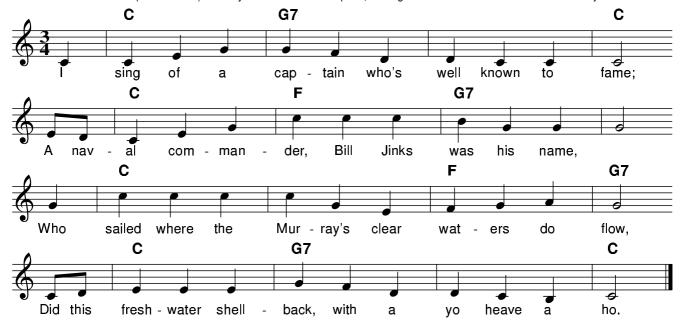
## A Nautical Yarn

Words published by Keighley Goodchild in 1883 with the 'Dreadnought' named as the tune, but the tune here, 'Villikens and His Dinah' has become standard. Goodchild (1851–1888) was a journalist and bush poet, writing his best known ballad 'While the Billy Boils' in 1882



To the Port of Wahgunyah his vessel was bound When night comes upon him and darkness around; Not a star on the waters its clear light did throw; But the vessel sped onward with a yo heave a ho.

'Oh, captain, oh captain, let's make for the shore, For the winds they do rage and the winds they do roar!' 'Nay, nay,' said the captain, 'though the fierce winds may blow I will stick to my wessel with a yo heave a ho.'

'Oh, captain, oh captain, the waves sweep the deck, Oh, captain, oh! captain, we'll soon be a wreck—To the river's deep bosom each seaman will go!' But the captain laughed lightly, with yo heave a ho.

'Farewell to the maiden-the girl I adore; Farewell to my friends-I shall see them no more!' The crew shrieked in terror, the captain he swore-They had stuck on a sandbank, so they all walked ashore.